

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for localizing one or more sources, each source (emitters) being in motion relative to a network of sensors, the method comprising the steps of:

separating the sources in order to identify the direction vectors associated with the response of the sensors to a source at a given incidence, said incidence angles varying depending on the position of the sensors network relative to said sources;

associating direction vectors  $a_{1m} \dots a_{Km}$  obtained for the  $m^{\text{th}}$  transmitter and respectively at the instants  $t_1 \dots t_K$ , are associated during a period  $Dt$  in order to separate different sources for each instant  $t_1 \dots t_K$ , said incidence angles varying depending on the position of the sensors network relative to said sources;

wherein the direction vectors  $a_{1m} \dots a_{Km}$  obtained for the mobile sources and respectively for the instants  $t_1 \dots t_K$  are associated during the period  $Dt$  in order to separate the different sources for each instant  $t_1 \dots t_K$  the position  $(x_m, y_m, z_m)$  of the mobile emitter is directly localized from the direction vectors  $a_{1m} \dots a_{Km}$  associated to a same emitter, one emitter being obtained from the different instants  $t_K$ ;

The method according to claim 10, wherein the associating step comprises:

Step ASE – 1 : Initialization of the process at  $k=2$ .

Step ASE – 2 : For  $1 < m < M$  determining the indices  $i(m)$  in using the relationship  $d(a_{km}, b_{i(m)}) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq M} [d(a_{km}, b_i)]$ , the direction vector  $a_{k,m}$  and the vectors  $b_i$  identified at the instant  $t_{k+1}$  for  $(1 < i < M)$ , setting up a function  $\beta_m(t_k) = d(a_{km}, a_{0m})$ , wherein  $d(u, v) = \frac{\|u^H v\|^2}{(u^H u)(v^H v)}$

Step ASE – 3 : For  $1 < m < M$  performing the operation  $a_{k+1,m} = b_{i(m)}$ .

Step ASE – 4 : Incrementing  $k \leftarrow k+1$  and if  $k < K$  returning to the step ASE-1,

Step ASE – 5 : Starting from the family of instants  $\Phi = \{t_1 < \dots < t_K\}$  thus obtained, extracting the instants  $t_i$  which do not belong to a zone defined by the curve  $\beta_m(t_k)$  and a zone of tolerance;

where M is the number of transmitters.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[10]] 11, wherein the localizing step comprises:

a normalized vector correlation  $L_K(x,y,z)$  maximizing in the space  $(x,y,z)$  of the position of a transmitter with

$$L_K(x,y,z) = \frac{\left| b_K^H v_K(x,y,z) \right|^2}{(b_K^H b_K)(v_K(x,y,z)^H v_K(x,y,z))}$$

with

$$b_K = \begin{bmatrix} b_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ b_{Km} \end{bmatrix} = v_K(x_m, y_m, z_m) + w_K, \quad v_K(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} b(t_1, x, y, z) \\ \vdots \\ b(t_K, x, y, z) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } w_K = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1m} \\ \vdots \\ w_{Km} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $W_K$  is the noise vector for all the positions  $(x, y, z)$  of a transmitter; and wherein the vector  $b_K$  comprises a vector representing the noise, the components of which are functions of the components of the direction vectors  $a_{1m} \dots a_{Km}$ .

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein comprising:

a step in which the matrix of covariance  $R = E[w_K w_K^H]$  of the noise vector is determined and in that the following criterion is maximized :

$$L_K'(x, y, z) = \frac{|b_K^H R^{-1} v_K(x, y, z)|^2}{(b_K^H R^{-1} b_K)(v_K(x, y, z)^H R^{-1} v_K(x, y, z))}$$

Where  $v_x$  is a speed vector and  $b_k$  is vector for source separation and source identification.

15. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 14, wherein the evaluation of the criterion  $L_K(x, y, z)$  and/or of the criterion  $L_K'(x, y, z)$  is recursive.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein it comprises a step of comparison of the maximum values with a threshold value.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the value of  $K$  is initially fixed at  $K_0$ .

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[10]]11, wherein the transmitters to be localized are mobile and in that the direction vector considered is parameterized by the position of the transmitter to be localized and the speed vector.